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SUBJECT: Additional Information on Creating New Operable Unit 1-11 at Waste Area Group 1  
(EM-ER-01-026)

Dear Mr. Nygard:

This letter provides additional information regarding DOE's request to create a new Operable Unit (OU) for Waste Area Group (WAG) 1. The creation of OU 1-11 will establish an Administrative Record (AR) for new site identifications and for Track 1 and Track 2 investigations of WAG 1 sites. This is necessary because the OU 1-10 ROD is final and the AR for it is now closed. A remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) and subsequent record of decision (ROD) are not intended for OU 1-11. If an OU 1-11 site requires a RI/FS and ROD, the agency project managers could, for example, choose to create a new WAG, handle the sites under WAG 10, or modify an existing ROD with an ESD or ROD Amendment.

Currently, two sites at WAG 1 would be assigned to OU 1-11: TAN-616, and IET-12. TAN-616 was originally assigned to OU 1-10 in the new site identification form. Because the OU 1-10 AR was closed when the OU 1-10 ROD went final, no additional TAN-616 assessment information can be placed in the OU 1-10 AR. The assignment of a different OU is necessary for TAN-616. IET-12 is the recently signed new site identification form for the releases under sumps at IET, named "WAG 1 TAN IET Soils Beneath Sub-Grade Sumps within TAN-620/656." In addition, all new sites discovered at TAN would be assigned to OU 1-11.

Please contact me at (208) 526-4392 or Mark Shaw at (208) 526-6442 with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen E. Hain".

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